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BA cancels flights

Global support wanes for U.S. air strikers

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (Agencies) — International support for the week-long U.S. air controllers strike was flagging Tuesday with Canadian and Australian colleagues resuming handling U.S. traffic after government pressure, but controllers in other nations discussing a boycott.

In London, British Airways cancelled virtually all its flights to the United States Tuesday, and airport sources said that American carriers had also had to make a lot of cancellations. A total of 20 flights was due to take off for the United States Tuesday with 18 due in. Thousands of passengers were camping out at Heathrow in the hope of getting on a flight, though British Airways advised their passengers to wait at home.

Laker Airways, which had five U.S. flights scheduled for Tuesday from London's second airport at Gatwick, said: "We are asking our passengers to check in on time but it looks as though most of our flights will not get away until late this afternoon."

British air controllers are to decide Friday on whether to take any action in support of their American colleagues.

Canadian air controllers went back to work early Tuesday after the government threatened fines of up to \$5,000 and a possible year's jail. The controllers said that they were boycotting U.S. flights because the strike had made air lanes unsafe. Denying U.S. administration charges that the Canadians were acting out of industrial solidarity, union leader William Robertson insisted that the issue was "safety, not solidarity".

But Canadian Transport Minister Jean-Luc Pepin said that the 2,200 Canadian controllers had no right to pass judgement on air safety conditions in other countries. Australian controllers, who also decided Monday to boycott U.S. flights, allegedly on the same safety grounds, returned to work after Transport Minister Ralph Hunt threatened to stand down any controllers joining the boycott.

The Australian union is to take up the government decision in court. Meanwhile, in Spain Tuesday, civilian air controllers refused to clear two U.S. military transport planes to take off from Torrejon Air Base, some 20 kms north of Madrid.

The Spanish Air Controllers' Association, which decided to halt transatlantic flights Monday, said that it was impossible to guarantee air traffic safety in the absence of the majority of a country's controllers.

In Hong Kong, the civil aviation department said that flights throughout Asia were normal Tuesday, but that local controllers were "closely watching the strike." A department spokesman said that local controllers would make a decision "in the next few days", and that this would be taken in coordination with Tokyo, Taipei, Manila, Bangkok and other Asian capitals. Unions in Japan were discussing the issue Tuesday at a national executive meeting.

At Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport, an official said travelers to the United States were facing delays that stretched to more than 24 hours. Passengers at Orly Airport outside Paris found flights held up for eight hours or more. Swissair in Zurich reported heavy delays in services to and from New York. Travelers at Stockholm's Arlanda Airport were being turned away and told: "Try again tomorrow."

At Rome's Fiumicino Airport, hundreds of passengers waited for up to seven hours for flights to the U.S. "I would describe Fiumicino as one big mess," a spokesman said.

No flights to the U.S. from Italy were canceled, however. All airlines including the national carrier Alitalia said they expected that passengers would eventually get away. In West Germany, a Lufthansa spokesman said about 140 passengers were stranded at Frankfurt airport when their flight to New York was canceled. But flights to Boston and San Francisco took off as planned, he said. Eleven Lufthansa flights were scheduled to fly to north America Tuesday, nine to the U.S. and two to Canada.

Four of nine flights in the other direction were axed because the planes were unable to fly out from West Germany Monday, the spokesman at Lufthansa's Cologne headquarters said. But the five others took off on schedule.

King receives Yemeni, sends envoys to Gulf

TAIF, Aug. 11 (SPA) — King Khaled received at the Royal Palace here Tuesday Sheikh Ahmed Muhammad Zabara, the mufti of North Yemen, who is currently visiting the Kingdom.

Present at the audience were Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard; and Sheikh Ibrahim bin Muhammad Al Sheikh, minister of Justice.

Meanwhile, two royal emissaries left here Tuesday for visits to Kuwait, Iraq, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, to deliver messages from King Khaled to the leaders of those countries.

Sheikh Hisham Nazer, minister of planning has proceeded to Iraq and Kuwait for a brief visit, during which he will hand over the royal messages to Kuwaiti Ruler Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabab and President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim Masoud minister of state and member of the Council of Ministers, has carried similar messages from the King to Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, ruler of Bahrain; Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani, ruler of Qatar, and Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, president of the United Arab Emirates.

Kingdom's stand unchanged — U.S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 — The U.S. State Department said Tuesday that the Middle East peace proposal put forth by Crown Prince Fahd "appears to be the same as the past Saudi Arabian position regarding Palestinian autonomy and peace settlement with Israel."

A department spokesman also said it is the same as the United Nations resolution 242 and 338. "We welcome efforts by Saudi Arabia" regarding a peace settlement, he added.

The spokesman said that the State Department did not have any advance notice of the proposal as outlined by Crown Prince Fahd. The complete text of the proposal was relayed to the U.S. State Department through published press reports from the Kingdom. The spokesman added that Saudi Arabia has not yet relayed the plan formally.

The State Department also acknowledged reports by *Ashtarq Al-Awsat* that Prince Fahd would cancel his planned trip to the United States in October unless the United States changed its position toward the Palestinian issue. The spokesman reiterated, however, that a press report does not constitute formal notification to the U.S. government. So the United States would not have further comment.

Israeli army trucks blown up

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (AFP) — Land mines, placed by a Palestinian commando, Tuesday, blew up two Israeli military vehicles in the Jordan River Valley, injuring nine Israeli soldiers, and Israeli military spokesman said.

The spokesman said that tracks left in the ground indicate that the commando crossed into occupied territory, got through Israeli security, planted the mines, and crossed back into Jordan. The Israeli-Jordanian sector has been relatively quiet for sometime. But recently, artillery fire has been hitting Israel from across the Jordanian side. The shelling was particularly intense during the recent conflicts between Israel and Lebanon. Israeli military headquarters has called the shelling "very serious."

Japan faces strike

TOKYO, Aug. 11 (AFP) — Japan's largest trade union, Sohyo, expects to call a 72-hour strike next month if the monthly pay for civil servants is not raised by 5.3 percent, it was learned here.

This raise was recommended last Friday by the National Personnel Authority. It should be retroactive to last April, the agency said. With the automatic raise of 2.6 percent, the proposed increase would bring the average salary for Japan's civil servants to \$967 a month.

These demands would cost the national budget an extra 278,000 million yen a month and thus is expected to face government opposition. If it is refused, Sohyo has decided to have its members strike during the special parliament session scheduled for September.

Sohyo also plans to organize daily demonstrations in front of parliament and the residence of Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki.

Lawyers' hopes crash

Divorce legalized in Spain

MADRID, Aug. 11 (AFP) — Divorce became legal in Spain Monday, but only 31 persons took advantage of the new measures.

With an estimated 500,000 couples waiting to be divorced, lawyers have been expecting a rush in business, but they said requests would probably just trickle in until September, when the new "family courts" begin operating.

Some attorneys have begun placing discreet ads in local papers offering quick divorce at low rates. They say an average divorce will take three to four months and cost about \$500.

One enterprising company has marketed a \$3.50 cassette called: "Divorce in 64 days."

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Private detectives were another profession expecting to capitalize on the new law, which lifts a 42-year ban on divorce in Spain. The detectives' union said the measure opens "new perspectives" for their work, with requests for investigations into the extramarital affairs of their clients' spouses.

Under the new law, couples may divorce after a one to two-year separation by mutual consent.

Despite strong opposition from the dominant Catholic Church, a recent survey indicated that 65 percent of Spaniards favored the right to divorce.



FIRE-diving: A flaming Mike Dochterman broke the world's fire-diving record Monday with a 54-foot double somersault, half-twist dive into a pool of flaming water at the Wisconsin State Fair. "I came around in the twist and got fire in my face," said Dochterman, 32, of Minneapolis. He was not injured. The previous record was 45 feet.

Majority agree to attend

OPEC confirms talks Aug. 19

VIENNA, Aug. 11 (R) — OPEC's Secretariat Tuesday confirmed that the OPEC oil ministers will meet in Geneva Aug. 19. A spokesman of secretariat of the 13-member state. OPEC had earlier said: such a meeting would be held, to consider the present surplus in the world oil market and possibly try to reach a new pricing agreement.

Hamid Zakeri, spokesman of OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries), said Tuesday. "The majority have agreed to attend, and we are going to have a meeting." Zakeri said the gathering would take the form of a consultative meeting without a specific agenda, but the participants could turn it into an extraordinary price session. He said the meeting was likely to last one or two days.

The emergency meeting was being sought by Nigeria, among countries whose sales have been hit hardest in the surplus-ridden market.

Cure eludes labs

Madrid's cooking oil toll 89

MADRID, Aug. 11 (R) — Spain's cooking oil scandal entered its 100th day Tuesday with 89 persons dead and 11,000 others in hospital.

The cooking oil, which contains rapeseed oil treated for industrial use, killed its 89th victim Monday, a 33-year-old man who had been in hospital for over a month. Despite continuing deaths, hospital admissions have dropped dramatically since the oil was found to be toxic.

A health ministry spokesman said the problem was that the poison appeared to stay in the blood for long periods and affect the blood in stages. The government has banned the oil, which has sold illegally door-to-door, as well as 20 labeled brands of oil which have also been shown to be toxic. It has also detained 25 oil imports and distributors and plans to prosecute at least 11 of them.

The government has stressed that the problem was limited to an area around Madrid and to the areas away from traditional tourist areas. So far, no tourists have been affected but one Madrid newspaper reported that they were bringing their own oil to Spain. The health ministry spokesman said that research laboratories in the United States, France and West Germany were still analysing the poison but had not yet found a cure.

Consumer groups in Spain have become more active. A consumer complaints bureau which opened Monday said its switchboard had been jammed with calls. The scandal began when people went down with a mysterious disease with symptoms similar to pneumonia. It was two months before the oil was officially identified as the cause.

Oslo Iran embassy stormed

Mitterrand, a liar, claims Ali Rajai

TEHRAN, Aug. 11 (Agencies) — A day before the scheduled departure for some of a final group of French citizens, tension between France and Iran suddenly increased when President Muhammad Ali Rajai accused Francois Mitterrand of lying.

In a message broadcast on Tehran radio, Rajai attacked the French president for granting asylum to ousted President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr and for supplying Mirage fighters to Iraq. Rajai, referring to a Mitterrand message wishing him success in his new role as president, stated categorically: "There's obviously a lie there." He added: "I am astounded by so much contradiction between the words and the acts of one man."

Meanwhile, a last group of 70 French citizens was preparing to leave Iran Wednesday afternoon at the request of the French government. With the departure of the 70, only some 30 French people, including two diplomats, 15 clergy and several elderly, would remain in Iran. A first group of 57 left Monday after having their departure put back for four days for financial and legal checks.

Talks were continuing between the foreign ministry and the French embassy on the situation of nine Iranian women married to French citizens, one of whom was prevented from leaving Monday because she had no exit visa. Iranian authorities have said the women would be allowed to join their husbands shortly if they did not obtain the necessary visas in time for Wednesday's flight, French Vice-Consul Jean-Louis Riche said Tuesday.

Mitterrand asked French residents Aug. 5 in Iran to return home "temporarily" because of fears of "uncontrollable acts" that might endanger their security. On July 30 and 31, there were demonstrations outside the French embassy in Tehran to demand the extradition of Bani-Sadr and Massoud Rajavi, head of the left-wing Iranian group People's Mujahadeen, who accompanied the former president to France. No incidents were reported.

The last group of 70 was scheduled to leave Tehran Wednesday aboard the regular Iran Air flight to Istanbul, Frankfurt and Paris. They were told to check in at the airport at 8 a.m. (0430 GMT) for the 12:30 p.m. (0900 GMT) flight.

A special check-in counter was to be opened, manned by a representative of the Iranian Foreign Ministry. Formalities Monday were said to have gone unusually smoothly.

The Iranian press Tuesday resumed its attacks on the French government. The daily *Keyhan* accused "imperialist" France of "sucking the blood of dominated countries," while *Azadegan* devoted a whole page to an article entitled "France, cradle of liberty or refuge of terrorists and political losers."

Azadegan set as the new government's main goal the extradition of Bani-Sadr and Rajavi. The government, whose composition is to be announced Thursday, "must not allow our revolutionary people to wait for the death of Bani-Sadr abroad, as was the case of the shah," the paper said.

Despite Rajai's harsh remarks, presidential spokesman said the episode would have no effect on Wednesday's anticipated evacuation of French citizens. A spokesman in Rajai's public relations office, contacted by telephone said Mitterrand's telegram "has no effect at all" on the second stage of the evacuation. "It is only an answer to Francois Mitterrand's telegram to Rajai," said the spokesman, who declined to be identified.

"Mr. Mitterrand, you have sent me a congratulatory message and wished me success at a time when your government's diplomacy has changed the French nation into a center of hell and a safe and secure place for elements of Iran's counterrevolutionaries," Rajai said in his own telegram, according to Tehran radio which broadcast the text.

Rajai's telegram, referred at length to a history of friendship and cultural ties between France and Iran, and he praised the French people for their 18th century revolution which like Iran's 1979 revolution, toppled a monarchy.

Despite Rajai's criticism of France for supplying war planes to Iraq, Iran has also received material support from France in carrying on the Gulf war. Recently, the Mitterrand government provided two missile boats to Iran.

Meanwhile, reports of assorted attacks by underground guerrillas opposing the clergy's hard grip on the government was reported by Tehran radio.

Khomeini's personal representative in the northeastern city of Gokjan, Hojatollah Seyyed Kazem Noog-Mofidi, escaped injury when would be assassins machinegunned his entourage Tuesday morning. Pars said one of Noor-Mofidi's bodyguards was killed and two others were injured by "a group of terrorists who escaped the agency added. Noor-Mofidi is also the city's chief religious judge and the leader of Friday prayers.

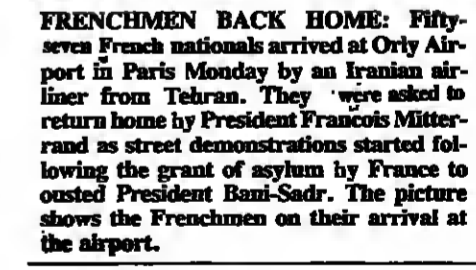
In Oslo, more than 25 Iranians opposed to the regime of Ayatollah Khomeini stormed the Iranian embassy and seized seven hostages, police said. A Norwegian Foreign Ministry spokesman said the protesters would hold a press conference to express their views on the situation in Iran.

A spokesman for the Iranians said they were not armed, but would remain in the building until they were removed. The spokesman said the hostages were being kept isolated in separate rooms, but were being given food and water and would not be harmed. He said they included Iranian Charge d'Affaires Parviz Khazali, his wife and two children.

Iran seeks oil buyers

LONDON, Aug. 11 (AFP) — Iran is casting around for customers to buy its oil.

The Iranian Zamezco International Petroleum Company Tuesday inserted an advertisement in the London *Financial Times* calling for "purchase of any quantity of oil from Iran"



Bomb threat to El Al plane

LIMNOS, Greece, Aug. 11 (R) — An El Al plane flying from Brussels to Tel Aviv made an emergency landing on Limnos Tuesday because of a bomb scare, an airport official said.

A phone caller who rang El Al office in Brussels claimed a bomb had been put aboard the plane, the spokesman said. "The plane landed at Lyrina airport in this Aegean island and security police and military bomb experts searched the plane and the passengers' luggage but found no bomb," he said.

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Kingdom takes step to boost agriculture

TAIF, Aug. 11 (SPA) — The Council of Ministers has approved the establishment of a SR400 million National Agricultural Development Company in which the public will hold 80% of the shares. The rest will be owned by the government.

Meeting Monday evening under Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, the Council was briefed on the project by Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, minister of agriculture and water. The company, set up to produce and market various agricultural crops and agricultural and meat products, will start in Wadi Harad (Harad Valley). Its activities will later recover all areas where agriculture development is possible.

The Council took up its previous decision number 1034 banning companies under contract to Saudi Arabia from renting and constructing buildings inside the cities to house their employees. It reviewed the issue from the administrative, financial, security and social aspects and in the light of the availability of buildings at present, and decided to examine it further when all the needed information will have been obtained.

Saud, Camelion begin talks

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 11 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal met here Monday night with Argentine Foreign Minister Oscar Camelion on the first day of his three-day official visit.

Prince Saud, who is on a tour of Latin American states which already took him to Venezuela, is expected to meet with Argentine President Roberto Viola, Economy Minister Lorenzo Sigaut and other ministers.

SR90m contracts let for schools

RIYADH, Aug. 11 (SPA) — Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwair signed Tuesday SR90 million contracts for building several new schools in various parts of the country. The contracts were awarded to national companies.

The minister also issued a decree Tuesday transferring Dr. Hamad Ibrahim Al-Salloum from the post of education director general of the Central Region to assistant deputy minister for student affairs. The move follows the minister's decision to liquidate general directorates of education in the Central, Western and Eastern regions. Education directorates in various areas of the country are directly linked to the ministry in Riyadh.

The decree was approved by Crown Prince Fahd a few days ago. Dr. Salloum has been requested to supervise the Riyadh Education Directorate, in addition to his new post, until a director is appointed.

Meanwhile, the new schools include a primary school in Hafir Al Bata, two in

Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim Masoud, minister of state and acting information minister, said that the Council was briefed by Interior Minister Prince Naif about giving the cadre of judges to those appointed as Sharia (Islamic law) investigators. It also heard the views of Sheikh Ibrahim Muhammad Al-Sheikh, the justice minister, in this regard and agreed that a special cadre be first worked out for those investigators. The draft cadre will then be discussed from all angles by the Council of Ministers.

The amendment of an article in the Civil Service Statute was also proposed during the session and will be studied in more detail by the council. Promotions proposed by Prince Naif were also approved. Hamad Rashed Abu Niyyah was promoted from the 13th to the 14th grade as director general of the Central Information Department. Dr. Farouk Abdul Rahman Murad was promoted from the 13th to the 14th grade as director general of the Arab Center for Advanced Technical Studies; and Abdullah Muhammad Al-Battal was raised from the 13th to the 14th grade as director general of the Technical Affairs Administration.

He also is expected to sign an agreement for commercial, technical and cultural cooperation between the Kingdom and Argentina during his stay here.

While in Venezuela, Prince Saud held talks with Energy Minister Humberto Calderon Berti on the forthcoming meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), which will discuss the current oil glut in the world market.

Tests reject poor items

DAMMAM, Aug. 11 (SPA) — The Commerce Ministry's Quality Control Laboratory in Damman analyzed about 22,500 types of foodstuffs and perfume during the past nine months, officials reported Tuesday.

These items were sent to the laboratory by the Customs Department, the anti-commercial fraud committee, municipalities and other government departments to make sure that they are safe for human consumption and do not contain any religiously prohibited material. Officials said that 11 percent of the total items were rejected for being inconsistent with the standard specifications.

Other schools incorporated in the contracts are: an intermediate school in Washom and another in Arar with 18-classes each. They will be completed in 18 months. Also to be built are three simple structure primaries in Laith area. They will be completed in six months. Another contract calls for constructing a scout camp in Jowf within 18 months.

Khaled greets Hussein, Ouddei

TAIF, Aug. 11 (SPA) — King Khaled Tuesday cabled his congratulations to King Hussein of Jordan on the latter's birthday.

In his cable, the King expressed his best wishes for the enduring health of the Jordanian monarch and continued progress and prosperity of the brotherly people of Jordan.

The King also sent a message to President Goukouni Ouddei of Chad on the independence anniversary of his country.

Sultan receives Zabarah, U.K. military advisers

TAIF, Aug. 11 (SPA) — Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan received the Grand Mufti of North Yemen, Sheikh Ahmad Muhammad Zabarah, Tuesday.

Zabarah, who arrived here Monday night on an official visit at the invitation of Justice Minister Sheikh Ibrahim bin Muhammad Al-Sheikh, discussed some Islamic topics and reviewed cooperation between the two countries with Prince Sultan. Sheikh Ibrahim also was present during the meeting.

The mufti expressed admiration for the Kingdom's example in implementing the Sharia. "He said that the security and stability enjoyed in the country is the result of the application of the Sharia and observance of the Holy Quran's teachings.

Zabarah said that he carried messages from President Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen to King Khaled and Prince Sultan. He added that he will acquaint himself with the legal aspects in the Kingdom and discuss cooperation and coordination in this field.

Also Tuesday, Prince Sultan received two military advisers from the British Westland Aircraft Company, Lord Aldington and Gen. Strauson. The meeting was attended by Minister of State Dr. Muhammad Al-Milhem. No details were given on the nature of talks.

Registration begins

Desalination training set for nationals

RIYADH, Aug. 11 (SPA) — The Saline Water Conversion Corporation's intensive training plan to create qualified Saudi Arabian technical personnel to man desalination plants will begin Saturday.

SWCC has recently announced the beginning of registration for its five-month training course, which will have evening and morning sessions. A spokesman for the corporation said that large numbers of applicants approached the SWCC branch in Jeddah and 400 of them where given tests. Some will enrol at vocational training centers in the city in the evening and train at desalination plants in the morning, he said. Others will be appointed to jobs because they have the qualifications, he added.

Registration period for the Eastern Province branch in Alkhobar has been extended to Saturday, the spokesman said. The extension was made for applicants in mechanics and electricity to provide an opportunity for as many people as possible, he added.

Conditions for application include Saudi Arabian nationality, possession of an intermediate school certificate, or a primary school as a minimum limit, and more than 18 years of age. Trainees receive monthly incentives of SR1,500 for intermediate school certificate holders and SR1,200 for primary certificate holders. They also get SR200 housing allowance and are provided with medical care and transportation, or SR200 as allowance.

Distinguished students have the opportunity to go abroad for further training, the spokesman said. All trainees, who seriously follow the course, will receive handsome prizes upon graduation. Once appointed, they will receive handsome salaries, according to the employment structure, in addition to furnished housing and transportation or allowances. They will be given a paid one-month annual leave and additional incentives based on their work efforts.

The graduates will be appointed to the Kingdom's desalination plants located in Alkhobar, Jubail, and Yanbu, the spokesman said.

In another development, Hasa Vocational Training Center announced Tuesday that 260 applicants have been granted admission to its evening motor mechanics, electricity, carpentry, plumbing and welding. The courses which began Tuesday will last five months, Ibrahim Al-Fardani, the center's director said.

He said that morning mechanics and electricity courses will begin Aug. 22 and welding

and plumbing Oct. 28. He added that the center decided to enroll 81 trainees for the morning courses.

Fardani said the center received several new workshops and other facilities recently. These include workshops for welding, radio and television, diesel engines, plumbing and general mechanics, in addition to an art department, an exhibition for the center's products and a theater to accommodate 250

persons. Another center, the Vocational Rehabilitation Center of Damman, announced Tuesday the opening of registration for the handicapped for its forthcoming training course which begins Aug. 30. Applicants should be between 15 and 45 years of age, fit for vocational rehabilitation and with an IQ of more than 50. Trainees will receive monthly incentives, accommodation, uniforms, food and social care.

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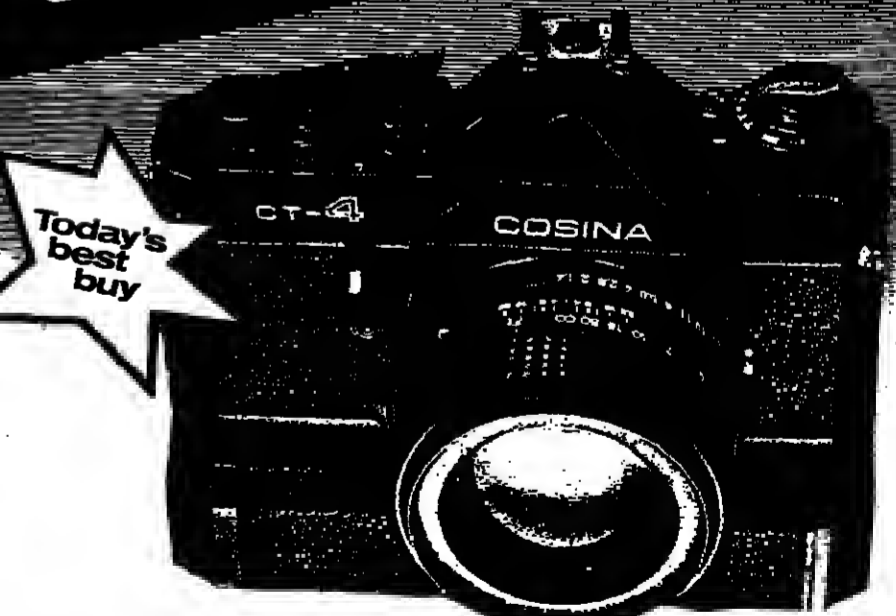
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'Sending troops to Sinai not friendly'

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 11 (R) — The Arab League will tell countries prepared to contribute troops to a Sinai peace-monitoring force that this would be regarded as an unfriendly gesture, a league spokesman has said.

The force is being organized by the United States to patrol parts of Sinai after Israel completes its withdrawal next April under the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli peace agreement. Ambassador Clovis Maksoud, the Arab League's U.N. observer, told a news conference he would inform representatives of potential donor states that participation in the force would be a "circumvention of the U.N. and... an unfriendly gesture toward the Arab nation and toward the Arab states."

He named only Fiji and Colombia as possible participants in the force, while noting that a number of other countries had also been mentioned. Maksoud said: "We would like to initiate a diplomatic representation to them to see if they would desire from doing so, because we consider the contribution of troops to the Sinai force constitutes a violation of the charter and a negation of the efforts by the U.N. and the international community to bring about an authentic and durable peace in the region."

Asked what would happen if his pleas were ignored, he said: "Let us exhaust the diplomatic option, and if that is exhausted to no avail, then we would have to see at that time what might develop." The Egyptian-Israeli accord had called for the setting up of a United Nations force for the Sinai. But this was dropped in favor of a U.S.-sponsored force outside the U.N.

The United States is expected to supply just over half of the 2,000-man unit, under the terms of the agreement signed in Washington last week.

Returns home Sadat's plea for PLO meant to tilt U.S. policy

CAIRO, Aug. 11 (AP) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat returned home Monday from a weeklong trip to Britain and the United States where he had talks with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and President Ronald Reagan.

Upon his arrival in the summer resort city of Alexandria, Sadat told Cairo radio he would talk of the results of his trip in a speech to the people soon. Meanwhile, Egyptian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali who accompanied Sadat was quoted by Cairo radio as saying that the president's trip was a 100 percent success.

Meanwhile, an informed diplomatic source said in Washington Monday Sadat appears to have achieved the major purpose of his U.S. visit, which was to get the Reagan administration to take a new look at the Palestine Liberation Organization in the search for an Arab-Israeli peace. "Sadat made quite obvious his trip was to push the PLO and the Palestinians as much as possible," the source said.

The source, who didn't want to be identified, believes Sadat's purpose was to pave

the way for including the PLO in the peace settlement envisioned by the 1978 Camp David accords between Israel and Egypt. The accords envision a role for Palestinians, but exclude mention of the PLO.

"He at least put the Palestinian question back on the front pages," said a State Department official, who also didn't want to be identified. "He has people focusing on it again, which is something he set out to do."

The diplomatic source concurred that Sadat may not have changed any administration minds regarding a PLO role in the peace talks on this trip, but suggested the Egyptian leader may expect his ideas will flower over time. "He apparently relies on public opinion in this country being more responsive to the PLO now," said the source. "He didn't succeed so far, but that doesn't mean he failed."

While Sadat said the PLO doesn't necessarily speak for all Palestinians, he also pointed out that the Palestinian mayors of many West Bank towns are PLO members. Dealing with them means dealing directly with the PLO.

In Shatt Al-Arab Trapped ships have to wait

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 11 (R) — Shipping trapped in the Shatt Al-Arab waterway since the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq war will have to wait there until an overall settlement to the conflict is reached, a senior United Nations official said Monday.

The official, who declined to be named, said: "what has become clear is that it is no longer possible to undertake this operation (the release of the ships) as an emergency arrangement, and that it will have to be conducted in the context of what we hope will be a comprehensive settlement of the conflict."

He said extensive negotiations had been conducted with Iran and Iraq on the shipping issue and agreement reached on a number of key points, including a ceasefire and a proposed 35-member U.N. monitoring team.

But a problem arose over the financing of the operation which "became linked to the central issues of the conflict."

"Payment for the operation was perceived by both parties as an assertion of sovereignty," the official added. Sovereignty over the Shatt, which divides the two countries at the head of the Gulf, is one of the key issues in the war.

On fighter planes Reagan decision dismays Israel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (AFP) — An Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Tuesday expressed Israel's "dismay" at United States President Ronald Reagan's decision to extend a suspension of F-16 fighter-bomber deliveries to Israel.

Reagan late Monday decided in Santa Barbara, California, to suspend the delivery of two F-15s, set for Tuesday, and four F-16s, scheduled for Friday, until at least early next week. The suspension began after Israel June 7 bombed an Iraqi nuclear research center at

Tammuz, and was prolonged following a July 17 Israeli raid on Beirut, which killed over 300 persons.

Some observers called the response moderate, and said Shamir did not want to compromise Prime Minister Menachem Begin's visit to Washington in early September. Begin is on vacation. But Yuval Neeman, a member of parliament and head of the opposition Tehiya Party (far-right), sent Begin a telegram calling for the prime minister to postpone his trip until the suspension is lifted.

U.S.-Egypt arms pact reported

CAIRO, Aug. 11 (AFP) — Egypt and the United States have agreed in principle to a five-year armament and military cooperation plan, several Cairo newspapers reported Tuesday.

The agreement was reached during President Anwar Sadat's visit to Washington last week, the newspapers said. The daily *Al-Ahram* said Gen. Abu Ghazala, the Egyptian defense minister, remained in Washington to complete details of the accord. Afterward, he is to go to Britain for two days of talks with British Defense Secretary John Nott, *Al-Ahram* said.

Several newspapers reported that the U.S. has agreed to move up its planned delivery of 40 F-16 fighter-bombers from March to January. Some 311 M-60 tanks and 850 other armored vehicles are presently being delivered, they said.

Ethiopian troops ejected from towns, says TPLF

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Aug. 10 — Tigray People's Liberation Front fighters have driven the Ethiopian troops out of several strategic towns on the main Addis Ababa-Mekele highway in the last two weeks, according to a TPLF spokesman here Tuesday.

The towns of Berahle in eastern Tigray was liberated by the fighters from Ethiopian troops, he said. The area is a mineral-rich land and site of a series of salt mines which had been exploited by Ethiopia. It is believed to have large quantities of sulphur, copper and other minerals. It has potential thermal electric power that could be sufficient for the whole East Africa region according to studies conducted by German experts during Emperor Haile Sellassie's reign, the spokesman said. He added that region is under total control by the TPLF.

Also last week, TPLF fighters intercepted an Ethiopian army convoy between Waja and

the strategic mountainous town of Alamata. The battle resulted in the arrest of 56 Ethiopian civilians, apart from the death of several soldiers, the spokesman claimed.

Six trucks loaded with ammunition and medicine supplies also were captured, he added. The 50 traders arrested are to be freed and sent to their home towns shortly, he said, after receiving explanation on the situation in the area. The six officials will be given "better education" and released also.

Last week, the spokesman said, 14 regular soldiers have surrendered to the TPLF from various parts of Tigray, a northern Ethiopian province. Three defected from the army garrison in Korem, three from Mekele, two each from Axum and Rama, one each from Waja, Mekhoni, Feres, Mai and Bizet.

In retaliation, Ethiopian planes bombed the town of Dandi, killing three persons, injuring two and burning 11 houses, the spokesman said.

In Afghanistan

Soviet forces said losing ground

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (Agencies) — Soviet forces and the Soviet-backed regime in Kabul appear to be losing ground to Afghanistan's Fighters, a new State Department report said Monday.

The report credited the rebels with "maintaining impressive momentum," in their resistance but said on the other hand that Moscow showed no signs of abandoning its stand in Afghanistan. The assessment was made by the department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research in a report entitled "Afghanistan: 18 months of occupation." Such reports are issued periodically.

The report said that in the past one and one-half years, the Soviet Union had been unable to make headway in establishing the authority of the regime of President Bahrak Karmal. "Indeed, they appear to be losing ground to the freedom fighters, who are maintaining an impressive momentum," the report said.

Meanwhile, Afghan Prime Minister Sultan

Ali-Kishmand met a special envoy of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi Monday in Kabul and discussed matters of mutual interest with him, Kabul radio reported. The radio, monitored in New Delhi, gave no details. The Press Trust of India (PTI) said the envoy S.K. Singh, a former ambassador to Kabul and an additional secretary in the foreign ministry, was not carrying any proposals to resolve the Afghan problem and that his visit was only to assess the situation in that country.

Kabul radio also said the Karmal government announced land reforms Monday which appeared to benefit the country's Muslim clergymen as well as landlords, soldiers and their families. According to the new regulations, surplus land in possession of clergymen and teachers will be considered their property and will be transferable to their children.

Military officers have been accorded the same facility but on the condition that their children serve in the army.

Nonaligned panel to visit Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 11 (AP) — Eight nonaligned countries from Asia, Africa, Europe and the Caribbean were named Monday to go to Lebanon after an invitation by Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat.

They were invited to evaluate the loss of lives and property from Israeli attacks in that country. The Nonaligned Coordination Bureau chose Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, North Korea, Yugoslavia, Nigeria,

Cuba and Jamaica for the trip, members of the bureau who asked not to be identified reported.

They said the evaluating group is to arrive in Beirut Aug. 19 and tour Palestine refugee camps under the guidance of the PLO. Arafat has invited the U.N. Palestinian Rights Committee to send a similar mission to Lebanon, but that committee has yet to choose its team.

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Police investigating Colombian adoptions

Baby market victimized the unwary

By Timothy Ross

BOGOTA — Colombia has a new claim to fame as an exporter of babies. Bogota lawyer Roberto Vasquez Morales has been accused of kidnaping and document forgery. It was found that he has arranged about 10 adoptions for foreign couples — at prices averaging \$10,000 — of children who are not all the orphans or abandoned babies claimed, but were stolen or bought from their real families.

The ten thousands pages of evidence readily accumulated in the offices of the investigating magistrate show that the lawyer has a large organization, extending from notary judges, diplomats, and notaries, through corrupt employees of the Colombian Social Welfare Institute, state hospitals and homes for unmarried mothers, to professional baby farmers, and purchasing agents who toured the sleaziest districts of the capital looking for pregnant women prepared to let their babies.

Kidnap Attempt Stopped
Some small children were simply kidnaped off the streets. Two hours from the capital in the mountains of Cundinamarca is the family of a poor farm-worker, Jorge Mirez. One afternoon seven year old girl Helena and her eight year old brother Daniel were playing at the roadside when a big black car stopped and the passengers called them over and told them to get in. They were given sweets and driven to Bogota. If their desperate father had not managed to track them down in the next two weeks, arrangements would have been made to have them adopted by a Swedish couple as abandoned children.

New Identities Invented
The kidnap charges will be tried under the law of siege legislation by a military court. The children were given new identities by simply inventing a name for a fictitious mother, signing an identity card number at random and listing the imaginary mother as illiterate in a thumb-print instead of a signature.

Many identities and adoptions were arranged in the offices of a notary public, who could not check the authenticity of all the thousands of papers he has to sign. "The faith of my employees was abused by a notary."

According to one member of the Vasquez family, the notary's employees were an important link. Agustina Pedraza de Cepeda, a lawyer from a shabby area of south Bogota,

called in at the notary's office looking for work, and from there was allegedly sent to Roberto Vasquez. He gave her a job as baby-farmer.

"Doctor Roberto used to work for the Welfare Institute so it was all official," she said, wringing her hands in anxiety — the secret police have repeatedly visited her — "I thought I was doing a charity. I am innocent of anything wrong."

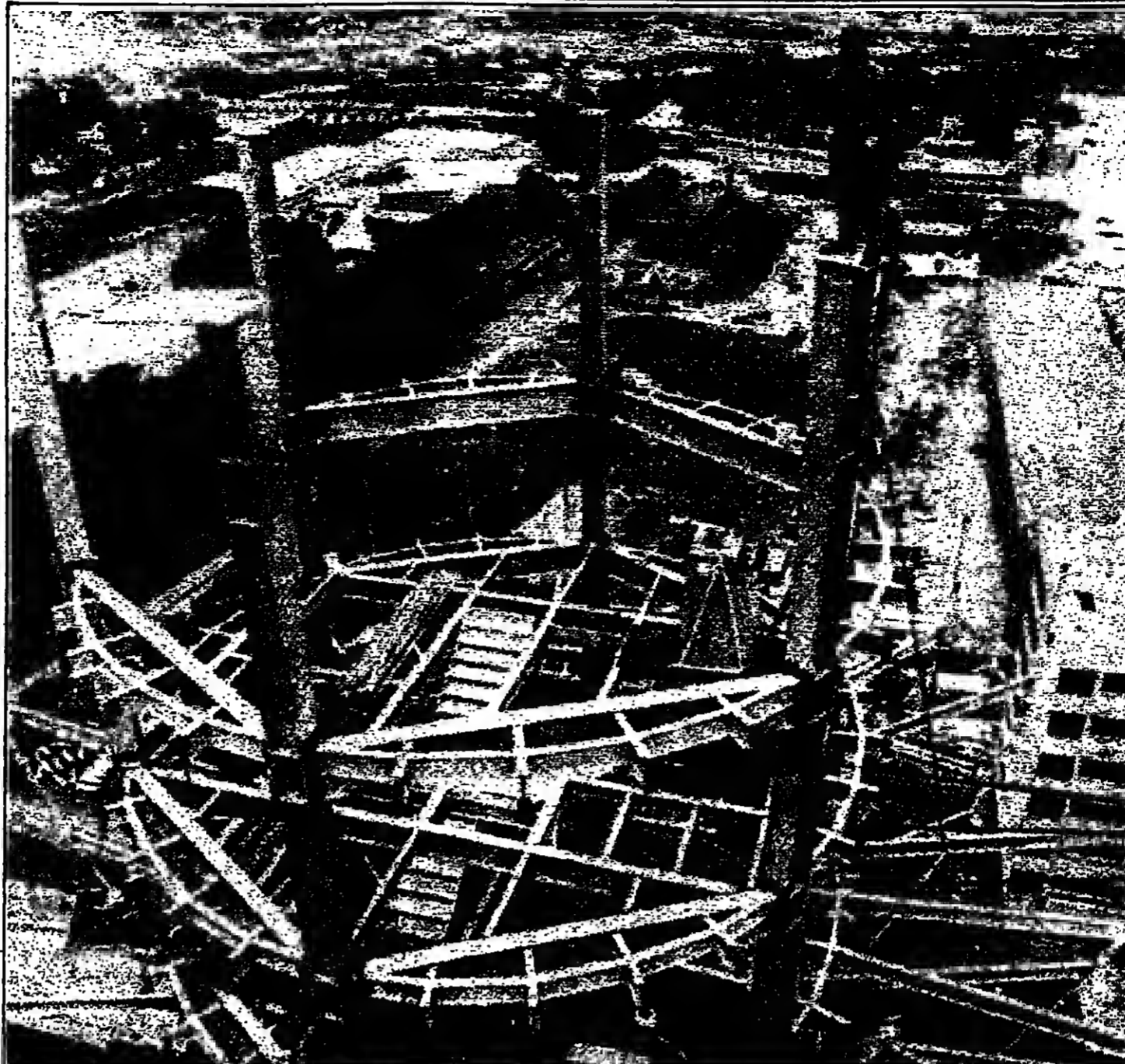
One of the mothers who stayed in her house, however, claimed that her baby was taken by force. Gladys Azuero, a pretty, illiterate eighteen year old from Bulacaima, says she went to the Social Welfare Institute for help when she found she was pregnant — and was sent to Roberto Vasquez. "He took me to Agustina, and said he would give me money because he wanted a baby, and he promised them money. When my baby was born I felt tender for him and decided to keep him. But Agustina took him, though I fought. Robert never even gave me the money. If I could get my baby back he would be in my arms now."

Gladys' baby now, of course, could be anywhere in the world, with any name and nationality.

Colombian Market Brick
Over 2,000 Colombian children are adopted by foreigners every year, about 700 going to the U.S., and the rest mostly to Europe, especially Sweden, many are genuine cases of orphaned or abandoned children, for as Social Welfare Institute Director Juan Jacobo Munos pointed out in a recent newspaper interview, 30 percent of births in Colombia are unwanted.

At least three officials of the institute appear implicated in marketing off the children they are supposed to be caring for. Advertisements appeared in Spanish papers touting for clients. Severe controls have now been imposed on adoptions, making the legitimate procedures even more difficult and time-consuming than before. It was precisely the long, drawn-out paper-work and cross checks of proper channels that encouraged the black-market operation. One New York couple who were just about to leave for Bogota when they heard of the scandal had been told they would be met at the airport, and would be on a plane with their child in two days — for \$10,000 and without any of the background, health and financial check-ups usually required. The full legal procedure can take three months or more.

A Swedish couple has already received their new baby through the correct channels. But now the new restrictions prevent them completing the paperwork. "We are terrified we will not be allowed to take our baby home," said the blonde wife, near tears. Their one year old had been cared for by nuns in the city of Pereira after being found ill and abandoned, one of the many in genuine need of adoption.



ABOVE KNOXVILLE: Preparations for the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee are underway and this will be the highest point and highlight of the fair, a 266-foot-tall Sun Sphere. Here Buddy Beets stands on top of one of the structures which will support the restaurant and observation decks with a silver globe at the peak. (AP)

Japanese soldiers asked to surrender

By Robert Whyment

TOKYO (G) — Japanese soldiers may still be hiding in the Solomon Islands, unaware the war ended 36 years ago, reluctant to surrender, or simply preferring their jungle habitat to Japan. Reports from Vella Lavella, 240 miles north of Guadalcanal, have led officials here to believe that one or more Japanese servicemen are at large. A search party is to be sent by the Health and Welfare Ministry to look into the reports

from the island, which has a population of 3,000. The Solomon Islands saw fierce fighting in the Pacific war, three imperial navy destroyers were sunk by the U.S. Navy in waters east of Vella Lavella, where surviving crewmembers put up a stand against the enemy.

The reported stragglers could possibly be from among the 900 crewmembers of the destroyers, officials say.

The search, which will last for over a

month, will include swamping the island with 120,000 pamphlets calling on any Japanese exservicemen to surrender. Seven years ago a former second lieutenant of the defunct imperial Japanese Army was persuaded to leave his jungle hide out in the Philippines, surrender to his superior officer and return to Japan. Hiroo Onoda, who had spent thirty years on guerrilla duty since the war ended, subsequently emigrated to Brazil, where he is running a successful cattle ranch in the Matto Grosso Plains.

Despite public condemnation of Apartheid

Soviet, South African dealers hide a profitable 'diamond connection'

By Caryle Murphy

JOHANNESBURG, (WP) — Each year are fully concealed movements, thousands of rough diamonds from Soviet mines in Siberia are transferred to vaults owned by a South African-run enterprise in London. In exchange, the Soviets paid millions of dollars by the South African

This diamond-connection between two of the world's bitterest enemies, who are also caught in a twist of geological fate two of the great treasure-troves of precious stones and metals, is part of a series of secret regular contacts between South African businessmen and Soviet officials.

Common Goal High Prices
As the major competitors on the western market for such important commodities as oil, coal, asbestos, iron, manganese and

platinum, Pretoria and Moscow share a common interest in seeing a high or at least a stable price for these products, vital to both their economies. So despite their ideological distaste for each other — and Moscow's support for economic sanctions against South Africa in international political forums condemning apartheid — calmer and friendlier relations prevail in the discreet world of international finance and business.

It would be going too far to say there is collusion between South Africa and the Soviet Union to fix mineral prices, especially in the case of gold. But their covert contacts undoubtedly provide them both with valuable information and contribute to what financial people like to call "orderly marketing."

Diamonds are forever and the South Africans would like to market them for everyone forever. For decades, maintaining a controlled world supply of diamonds has been the prerogative of De Beers Consolidated Mines. This is the diamond section of Harry Oppenheimer's Anglo-American Corp., the world's largest mining empire headquartered on a quiet, tree-lined street in this city's financial district.

For many years the Soviet Union, second-largest producer of gem diamonds in the world, had an open contract with the London-based, De Beers-controlled Central Selling Organization to market their diamonds. Although this was abrogated in 1963 for political reasons, a working relationship still exists.

European diamond dealers buying from "the syndicate," as the Central Selling Organization also is called, say they find Soviet gems in their purchases. Oppenheimer has privately told people here that his cousin Philip Oppenheimer, who heads the Central Selling Organization, regularly travels to Moscow and that De Beers Executives meet the Soviets in London. Earlier this year a British Broadcasting Corp. "Panorama" television program told how a Soviet delegation visited the South African diamond mine in Kimberley and how Oppenheimer had dined in London with Boris Sergeev, deputy president of the Soviet Diamond and Platinum Marketing Organization in Moscow.

The Soviet Union is not the only ideological foe of South Africa to deal with the Central Selling Organization. Marxist-run

Angola, which is virtually at war with South Africa because of its support for anti-Pretoria insurgents in Namibia, also sells its diamonds through the group's pipeline.

Mining And Technical Services, a Liberian-registered company whose board has several directors formerly associated with De Beers, has recruited expertise and technological aid since 1977 to help the Angolan diamond industry recover from its disruption during the civil war there in 1975-76, according to a British diamond expert, Timothy Green.

It was at the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow that the curtains were accidentally raised on other acts in the Kremlin-South African connection. In the audience watching a performance of the opera "Boris Godunov" one night last November was one of Oppenheimer's right-hand men, Gordon Waddell. As chairman of Angola's Johannesburg Consolidated Investments, Waddell directs operations of the world's largest platinum mine. A former son-in-law of Oppenheimer, Waddell is also on the four-man operating committee that makes top day-to-day executive decisions for the Anglo American Corp.

Waddell was accompanied by another Anglo executive and two unidentified Soviet officials. He told an inquisitive BBC reporter who spotted him that he was "just passing through."

"I would find that explanation quite difficult to believe," said William Gutteridge, professor of international studies at Birmingham's University of Aston and an expert on Soviet-South African relations. "You don't just pass through Moscow and get good seats at the Bolshoi ballet by accident," Gutteridge said in a telephone interview.

Platinum Pricing of Interest

South Africa and the Soviet Union supply 95 percent of the world's platinum. South Africa's major mines sell on long-term contracts. But the Soviets, who produce about one-fifth of what South Africa does, sell their platinum on the free market. A tacit agreement for the Soviets not to accept a free-market price substantially under the South African contracted prices would be in the long-term interests of both parties, observers note.

"You've got to have some kind of marketing arrangement," said one South African

trader commenting on Waddell's presence in Moscow.

It would not be the first time Waddell met the Soviets. Each May in London's Savoy Hotel, platinum merchant Barry Salter brings together about 200 of the world's major platinum producers and consumers. The Soviets and South Africans are among the guests enjoying the hospitality and talking shop.

Gutteridge says that he also knows of at least one secret meeting two years ago between Soviets and South Africans in Oslo during which the Soviets told the South Africans they were temporarily dropping out of the platinum market.

"There are some cases too, for example, in chrome, of the Soviet Union indirectly contacting South Africa on prices," he added. But "the evidence on platinum is pretty clear-cut ... I would not be surprised if they are not also discussing mining and refining techniques."

Control 80 percent of Gold

While there is no evidence of direct discussions on gold sales between the two countries, which together supply 80 percent of this precious metal, there are ample opportunities through intermediaries to learn about each other's intentions.

The South African Reserve Bank, which last year sold more than \$10 billion worth of gold, and the Soviets' Zurich-based Wozzhod-Handelsbank deal with the same bullion dealers and Swiss banks. In addition, Anglo-American owns 29 percent of the London-based Consolidated Gold Fields, a gold-mining finance house that besides owning profitable gold mines in South Africa is regarded as the expert source in the west on Soviet gold production.

The company's executive director, Michael Beckett, visited Moscow for discussion with Soviet officials last September that he said were to gather information for his company's annual bullion survey and to discuss gold mining technology. He also acknowledged that his company regularly speaks with officials of Wozzhod-Handelsbank.

Christopher Stolz, senior deputy director of the South African Reserve Bank, agrees his country and the Soviet Union "have common interests in marketing operations of gold" that could lead to similar sales policies. But he denies any formal or informal discussions.

The bank does, however, "get a lot of information, quite good information sometimes" on Russian sales through banks and dealers used by both countries in New York, Frankfurt, Zurich and London, Stolz said.

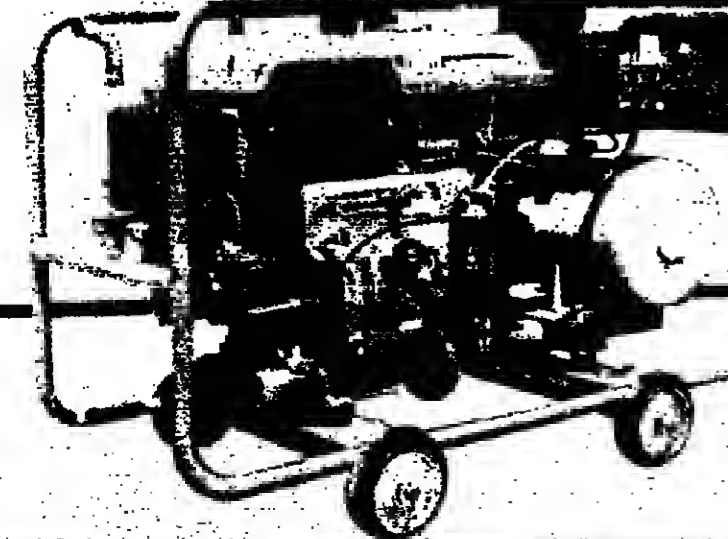
Ian Wright, a former executive of Consolidated Gold Fields and now a London stockbroker specializing in gold, said in a telephone interview that "the strings or ties between the Soviet Union and South Africa are very slender indeed, but I'm quite sure some kind of link has been made."


Wright speculated that any tacit agreement might be along the lines of agreeing on a floor price below which both countries would not sell.

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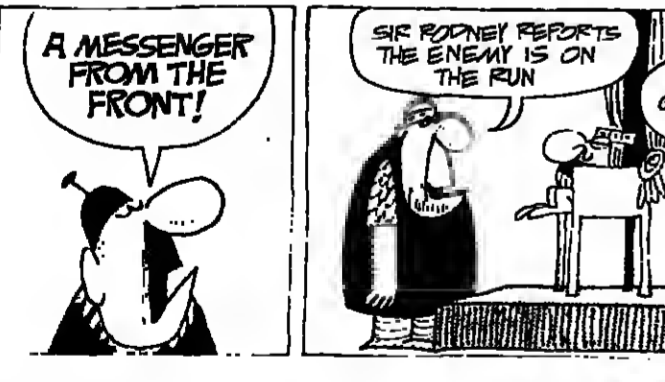
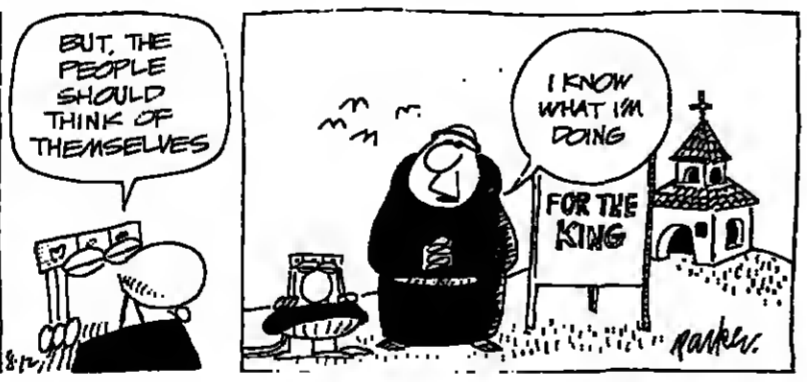
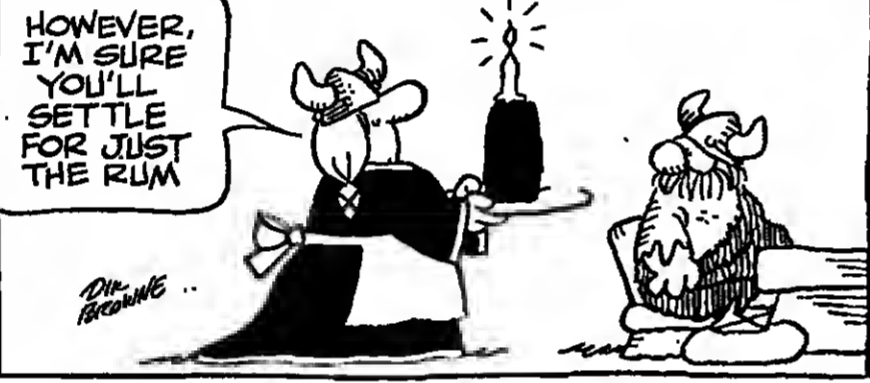
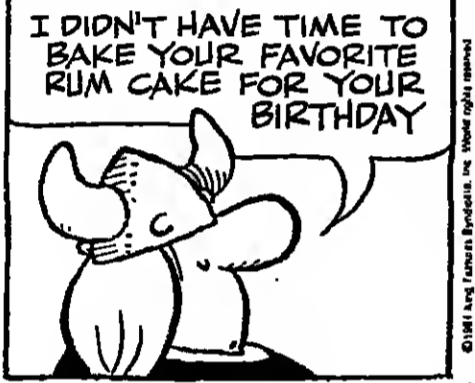
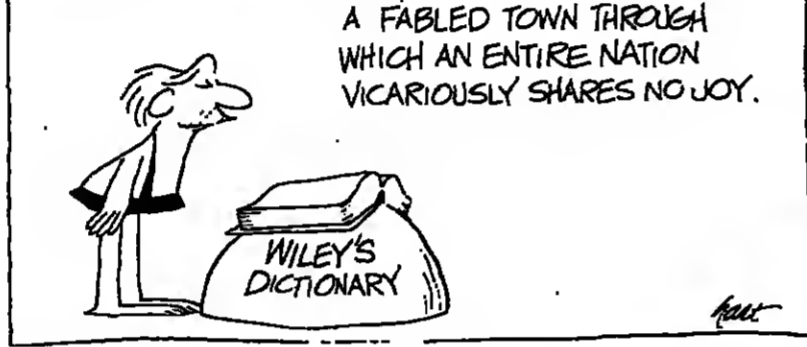
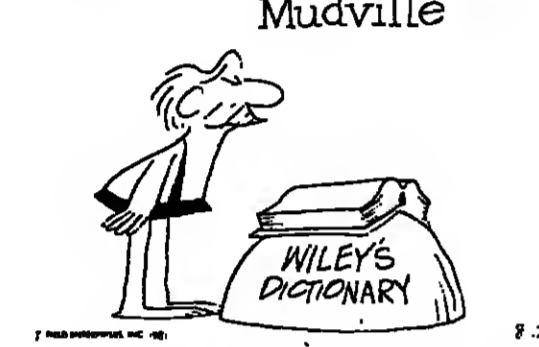
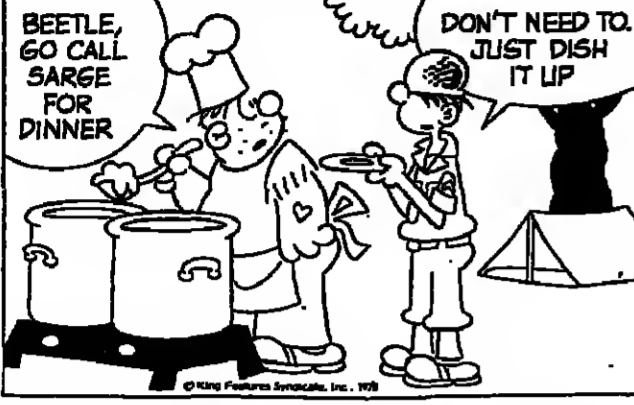
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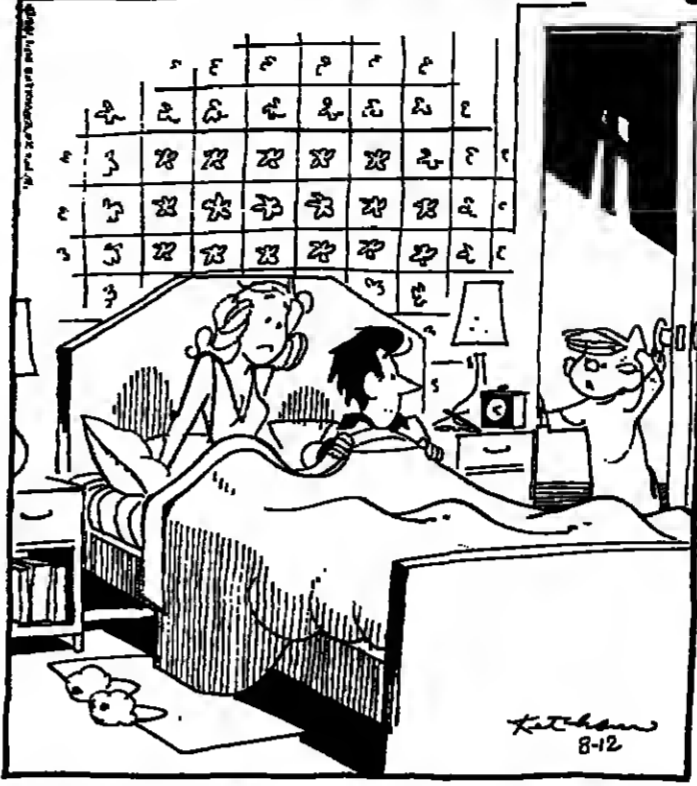
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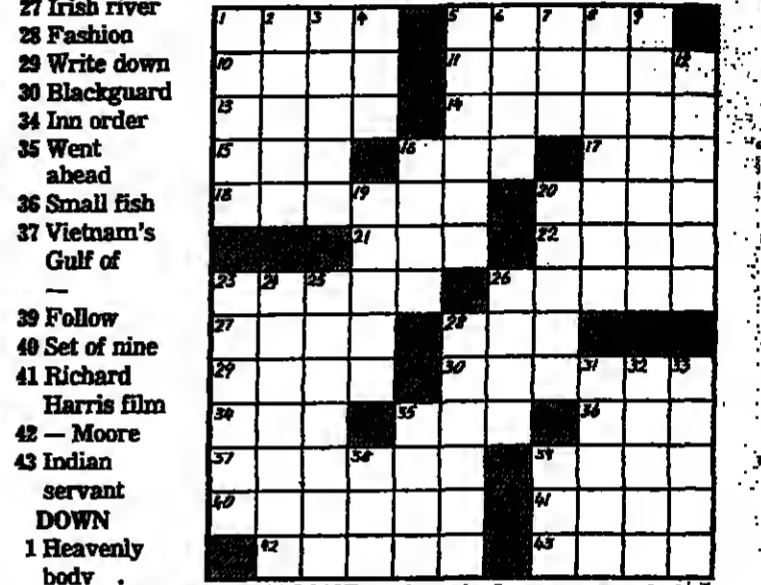
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Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Joseph's - film role; 5 Flowed ground; 10 Jar; 11 Parting words; 13 Reduce to powder; 14 Dip the colors; 15 Night before; 16 Paronomasia; 17 - vivant; 18 Compassionate; 20 Slipped; 21 Mining find; 22 Consonant; 23 Chastise a tyke; 26 Dilute; 27 Irish river; 28 Fashion; 29 Write down; 30 Blackguard; 34 Inn order; 35 Went ahead; 36 Small fish; 37 Vietnam's Gulf of.

Down
2 Shelly Duvall; 3 "Bananas" star; 4 Former chess champion; 5 Free from doubt; 6 Horse; 7 "Is That - There Is?"; 8 Renaissance jacket; 9 Frenchman's name; 12 Grammatical term; 16 Make lively; 19 Bequest recipient; 24 Keep going; 25 Roof sight; 26 "West Side Story" star; 28 Currently fashionable; 29 Incline; 31 Papal crown; 32 Proclamation; 33 Type of race; 35 Ananias; 36 Prefix; 37 Mr. Thumb.



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.
CRYPTOQUOTES
BOABOH DL TF TITZZDFA ETLHO
KQ OFOBAU; UKV WTFH PVDZR
KF DH; DH'L KFZU AKKR QKB
ETZZKEDFA DF. - NTHSOBDFO
XTFLQDOZR
Yesterday's Cryptquote: MAN CAN BELIEVE THE IMPOSSIBLE, BUT CAN NEVER BELIEVE THE IMPROBABLE. - OSCAR WILDE

Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

Workable Assumptions
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653
AJ95
843
WEST
Q108
J1074
Q63
QJ10
EAST
J4
Q8
K10872
9652
SOUTH
AK953
AK92
04
AK7
The bidding:
South West North East
2 Pass 2NT Pass
3 Pass 3 Pass
4 Pass 4 Pass
Opening lead - queen of clubs.
Assume you're in four spades and West leads a club. You can see when dummy appears that there is no way to avoid losing a spade, a heart and a club, so all your thoughts are turned to losing only those three tricks, if possible.
You are sure to fail if the trumps are 4-1 (or 5-0), regardless of what you do, so you start by assuming they are divided 3-2. You likewise assume that the hearts are not divided 3-3, for if they are you have no problem - the contract will come home on any reasonable line of play.
Your chief concern should be to protect against a 4-2 heart division. Accordingly, after winning the club lead and cashing your ace of trumps, you play a low heart!
In the actual hand, this play succeeds against any defense. Whatever happens next, you draw a second round of trumps, cash the A-K of hearts, and ruff the heart nine in dummy to limit yourself to three losers.
Note that you cannot achieve this result if you start by cashing the A-K of trumps and then playing the A-K and another heart. West wins, draws dummy's last trump, cashes the jack of hearts, and waits for the setting trick in clubs. It would also be fatal to start with three rounds of hearts. West would win and play a fourth heart for East to overruff the dummy.
The hand demonstrates the importance of planning the play on the basis of workable assumptions. Declarer shouldn't spend his time worrying about a 4-1 trump break, or a 5-1 heart break, because these render the contract unmanageable.
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Success with distant interests and educational matters. Money could become an issue between you and a close tie. Seek a compromise. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
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Allies to get warhead in hours

Neutron bomb keeps peace, America says

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (Agencies) — Neutron weapons stockpiled in the United States could be delivered to troops in Europe "only a few hours" after allies agreed to accept them in the event of a crisis, U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger says.

The United States, therefore, will not be penalized strategically by keeping the weapons at home in recognition of European "sensitivities" to having them deployed in their countries, Weinberger said Monday.

The defense secretary defended in a news conference Monday the administration's decision last week to resume production of the weapon, which was halted by former President Jimmy Carter in 1978 following an outcry of protests from NATO allies.

Asked if the neutron weapon increases the chance of nuclear war, something the Europeans are known to fear, he replied: "No, I think it makes it much harder to launch a conventional war and thereby helps preserve the peace."

"The more deterrence we have...the more ways in which we can be correctly perceived as being able to inflict unacceptable damage to any attacker, anywhere in the world, the more likely we are to maintain the peace," Weinberger said.

Weinberger said the Soviets were upset because the neutron weapon "gives us the greatest deterrent against their kind of warfare, overwhelming masses of infantry and tanks." He said the Soviets now have 45,000 tanks compared with the 11,000 NATO tanks in central Europe.

"This is the kind of imbalance that they have now produced in the central European front and it is essential that there be some effective defense weapon against it, all of which we hope will never have to be used," he said.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said the United States will consult European allies before sending any of the new weapons overseas but acknowledged their opinions were not sought before Reagan decided to resume production.

Speakes would not say whether the United States plans to eventually seek permission from allies to store the weapons in Europe.

In The Hague, about 50 demonstrators Tuesday harried the entrance to the United States Embassy in protest against the U.S. decision to produce neutron bombs. The demonstrators, participants in an international march for demilitarization, held several banners, one of them reading: "The Neutron Bomb: A Simple Arm for the Extermination of People."

Police watched the demonstrators, but did not intervene. The protest followed a smaller march Monday in front of the embassy, in which 70 youths expressed opposition to U.S. President Ronald Reagan's decision. Other demonstrators assembled in front of the



NEUTRON MISSILE: A file photo of a Lance missile being tested, one of several delivery methods which would be used by the military for neutron warheads, released by the Pentagon Monday.

French, West German, Italian, Soviet and Spanish embassies to protest military policies of those countries.

The Netherlands government has said the decision to produce the bomb was an internal U.S. matter. But former Defense Minister Max van der Stoep said he regretted the decision. The Netherlands Parliament last February opposed deployment of the weapons on Dutch territory.

At Oxford, England, Denis Healey, deputy leader of Britain's opposition Labor Party, Tuesday criticized Washington's decision to build neutron warheads. "Russia is bound to respond (to Washington's move) either by producing neutron

bombs for herself, or by retaliating against their use in war with her existing nuclear weapons which will destroy property and contaminate ground," Healey told a party meeting. Britain's ruling Conservative Party, unlike Labor, has reacted sympathetically to the Washington decision.

The Soviet Union Monday launched a second angry attack on President Reagan's neutron decision and said he was playing with fire. The government newspaper *Izvestia* said the move was a particularly dangerous one in the present international climate. It repeated a warning that Moscow would now feel compelled to "respond to the challenge."

Poles give strike alert on food despite warning

Soviet ships enter Baltic

WARSAW, Aug. 11 (R) — Polish workers, apparently ignoring a threatened government crackdown, called new strike alerts over food shortages Tuesday as the Solidarity union and the Communist Party held separate talks.

The national leadership of the independent union Solidarity met for the second day in Gdansk to review government economic proposals while the party's new central committee gathered in Warsaw to consider ways of improving the deteriorating situation in the country.

The meetings followed a warning by Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski Monday that the government was planning measures to stop demonstrations against the national

interest. Communist Party leader Stanislaw Kania Tuesday told the central committee the party should mobilize its forces to stop the situation from deteriorating.

The official PAP news agency said there was no more room to maneuver and it was now time for energetic action to curb strikes and social anarchy. But a Solidarity spokesman in Warsaw said strike alerts, mainly over food shortages, had been called in several regions including Silesia, Lublin, Badom and Bielsko-Biala and the Rural Solidarity Peasants' Union was preparing protest actions.

Tuesday's central committee session, the first since last month's party congress, heard a gloomy report on the state of the economy from Deputy Prime Minister Janusz Obodowski. He said a 17 percent drop in production had been recorded in July, compared with the same period last year. Coal production was down, there were problems with energy and no improvement in cattle-breeding was in sight, he said.

Obodowski blamed Solidarity in many cases for blocking government initiatives to resolve the crisis. He said the government planned to concentrate on stepping up exports, wage all-out war on profiteering and increase retail prices to encourage production.

As the committee met, sections of the official press called on the government to reverse the decision to grant work-free Saturdays following a wave of strikes earlier this year. Even the liberal *Zycie Warszawy* said: "It is difficult to agree with a decision increasing the time off work in a period when the state of the economy requires intensive efforts to overcome the crisis and the greatest difficulties in saving the market."

Solidarity announced Tuesday that a "good offices commission" including the Polish primate, Archbishop Jozef Glomp, and other distinguished figures had been set up. The commission, which also includes liberal journalist Stefan Bratkowski, head of the Journalists' Association, and Professor Gjesztor, president of the Academy of Sciences, is clearly hoping to offer to mediate between the government and unions.

Solidarity reported in its daily news bulletin Tuesday that preparations were going ahead for a march on Warsaw in protest against the persecution of people for their political beliefs. The government has said that it will not tolerate "so-called converging marches" where protesters arrive from different points.

Good Morning

By Jibad Al Khazem
I was recently in a London restaurant — one of a grade I shall call "popular", where there's no question of reservation, and where you often find yourself having your meal in the company of complete strangers. And this was the situation which developed at a table nearby, where two Middle Eastern looking ladies sat eating, who were later joined by two Englishmen.

One of the men turned to the woman next to him and, very civilly, I thought, tried to start a conversation by remarking that the two ladies looked foreign and asking where in fact they hail from. "Iran," said the woman, somewhat curtly. And are they living here or just touring, the man asked.

And it was here that the lady blew up. "We're here," she said quite loudly, "to subsidize the impoverished British people." Now this, I thought, was too much. The woman perhaps had the right to resent the man talking to her uninvited. She might also have really disliked being in Britain; where she might be staying against her will, given the trouble in her own homeland. But that was no way to answer. Here comes trouble, I thought, as I prepared to do my Kurt Waldheim act the moment the hostilities started.

And had the incident taken place in France or Italy, I'm certain my services would have been called upon very soon. No foreigner would have been allowed to get away with insulting the host country in this way. But this was Britain, and here they do things differently.

"Did you hear what the kind lady just said?" the man turned to his friend — saying the words loudly for all to hear. "She has come all the way to help our ailing economy." Then he turned to the woman, who already looked as though she thoroughly regretted her outburst:

"And did our Foreign Office invite you here to perform this kindly deed?" She shook her head negatively, quite confused. "Oh, I see," he went on. "You came quite uninvited. All the way from that distant land. No one bothered to ask you, and you still came..."

The woman was by now almost in tears as she left her table hurrying for the door. Game, set and match, I thought. And with hardly any blood drawn.

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Balsemao denounces critics

LISBON, Aug. 11 (Agencies) — Portuguese Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemao handed in his formal resignation Tuesday, denouncing the permanent and systematic opposition to his seven-month-old government from within the ruling democratic alliance.

Balsemao emerged from a 90-minute meeting with President Antonio Ramalho Eanes saying he would carry on as premier until a solution to the political crisis was found, shifting the responsibility of forming a new government to those who ousted him from office. President Eanes, a central figure in the quarrel between Balsemao and his hard-line critics, would issue a communique, the prime minister said.

While Eanes has the power to reject a prime minister's resignation, the chief executive was expected to approve Balsemao's move and clear the way for Social Democra-

tic Party choice of a successor later in the week.

Balsemao's Social Democratic Party (PSD), Portugal's largest, summoned a new meeting of its ruling national council for Friday to choose the head of the next government.

Tuesday was the first time that he had publicly stated that the opposition to his government was coming not just from within his own party, but from the alliance as a whole. The democratic alliance, which won a comfortable parliamentary majority in last October's general election, is made up of the PSD, the Christian Democrats (CDs) and the tiny Monarchist Party (PPM).

The prime minister's criticism brought into the open a growing split in the alliance between its conservative wing and the liberals headed by Balsemao. It is a confrontation that transcends usual party boundaries.

S. Pacific states demand self-rule

PORT VILA, Vanuatu, Aug. 11 (AFP) — Fourteen south Pacific nations ended their annual forum meeting here Tuesday which was marked by strong attacks on French policies in the region. France came in for heavy criticism over its continued nuclear testing in French Polynesia and for its continued rule of such Pacific territories as New Caledonia.

A delegation comprising some representatives of forum members — Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Vanuatu — will visit France early next year to seek clarification of the French government's intentions on its south Pacific territories.

New Caledonia was singled out as a special case for discussion and the territory's Kanak Liberation Front was present at the meeting to lobby support for its cause.

The Cook Islands, one of the region's mini-states which have played an assertive role at the meeting, sponsored a resolution adopted by the forum that commits member states to a firm stand on proposed nuclear dumping by Japan in the Pacific, at the meeting of Commonwealth heads of government in Melbourne next month.

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